



Board Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2009 – 7:30 AM- 8:15 AM

Chief Justice's Office ~ 1st Floor, Supreme Court

Attendees:

Tom Trenbeath, Pam Schafer, Gordon Christensen, Chief Justice VandeWalle, Nancy Walz, Chuck Placek, Lisa Feldner, Sue Davenport (scribe)

- Approve minutes
 - All approve, Minutes approved.
- SB 2041 – CJIS Board Restructure was heard, no action
 - Lisa testified at the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing and the committee has not voted yet. She believes it will be a unanimous do pass. The committee questioned where the travel reimbursement fees of members would come from. Pam stated most of the members currently provide their own transportation. In the circumstance a travel reimbursement is required the amount would be minimal and be paid from the CJIS budget.
- New EA – Support Memo
 - Gordon – handed out a copy of the New EA recommendation. The networking enhancement proposed by New EA is a large change. The governor's office formed a tech working group. The tech group was asked to look at the technology proposed by New EA. The group did not find anything wrong with the structure; some administrative things may make it a bit difficult. The tech group stated New EA will need right of way for towers and they have approached the state for help. The guarantee of public safety is important. The bandwidth is large and is could replace our existing state radio network. This could save money with minimal risk. New EA is looking for a letter of support, not a contract or money, at this point. Tom asked if they should be looking for a letter of support from the Governor. Gordon said they went there first then approached the technical group for input. The risks would be taken on by New EA, not the state. The New EA is looking for us to guarantee right of way and to say we have parties of interest in this plan. Gordon stated final comments from all agencies have not been received yet. The Chief noted the technology may be there but asked what the financial structure for this company. There are many questions; Are they able to do it? Where do they get the bandwidth from? Is this creating a monopoly? Initially the spectrum was put up for bid and no one bid on it. New EA's business background includes Rich Karlgaard from Forbes magazine, possibly the former Governor Schafer, Greg Rohde, Noreen from Info Space, and Bill Owens. We really don't know how it is capitalized. Chuck described the opinions from the CJIS Executive Committee meeting. If North Dakota would have developed a plan, it would have passed through FCC. The majority of the CJIS Executive Committee members are concerned with the \$100 charge. They currently are able to subscribe to various wireless providers at \$39 per unit. They would support the overall idea if this is a proof of concept. Lisa stated the plan includes selling a portion to the general



public. Chief asked if the state was in a position to agree to the building of it and still have an option to opt out when given a price, if we don't see a benefit. Gordon explained we have that option as it would need to follow the procurement process. Tom asked what does this mean to CJIS? Gordon stated it would greatly enhance the ability to collect and share information by individuals around the state. Remote users would definitely benefit. This has the potential to exponentially enhance our position. We could provide the right information at the right time. Currently, information gets delayed if an officer has to wait to get back to the office to enter information. Chuck agreed. People in the field could also pull down data such as photos and live video. Live video streaming would be great benefit and possibly allow a webcam in the car. Chief and Tom would like to ask the legislature to look for a resolution, not a bill. Lisa believes there should be a study to look at the issue in its entirety, yet a study would take 2 years. New EA is looking for support soon. ND has the ability to act quicker than most states. Lisa explained they are not asking we commit to anything more than the \$100/use up front. If they deploy in 9 months and users pay \$100 per car, there is no additional cost. Discussion about hardware compatibility was held. There could be hardware technology issues to convert over to this. We may have to operate parallel systems at first. Voice over IP would be supported but not the devices.

- Chief agreed to the signing of the MOU. We are not signing the actual draft memorandum. We are only signing this recommendation. We still recommend they seek some kind of legislative awareness. Lisa said the House already is aware as Rep. Skarphol announced it on the floor and is in support. Chief moves to approve the signing of the recommendation by the Board. Tom seconds, motion approved. The Board signed the recommendation.

➤ Next Meeting is February 19, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.